

Postgraduate Diploma specialising in Management Practice

Application Guide



In this Application Pack you will find everything you need to guide you through the **application process** of the **PGDip in Management Practice** programme.

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Here's a quick overview of what to expect from the Pre-Application and Admissions processes

First of all, you will need to do some research. This involves reading up as much as you can on <u>our website</u>, attending our <u>information sessions</u>, seeking counsel from your peers, colleagues and mentors, or calling our Admissions Team for more information or clarity.

- The PGDip in Management Practice has <u>two intakes</u>: in-person, and live-online. Make sure you understand the different format, requirements, and start dates. And apply for the correct intake that you have chosen.
- Understand the entrance requirements, to make sure you meet the criteria.
- Consider the time and workload demands of the programme, and discuss this with your employer if necessary.
- Know what the latest **fees** are, and consider your **funding options**.

The application process: Applying at the UCT GSB involves a few easy steps:

STEP 1: Complete your 'Pre-Application' – an application for the UCT GSB

The Pre-Application process is required for us to know that you are sufficiently qualified or experienced and the right fit for your chosen academic programme at the GSB, as well as the business school as an institution guided by values and principles. This is an important step that will help prepare you for the rest of the application process.

STEP 2: Apply with the University of Cape Town

The UCT Online application is necessary to register you as a student of the university, and create your unique UCT Student Number. You may be required to resubmit some information from the previous step.

STEP 3: Upload your documents

During your Pre-Application process you will be required to compile a set of documents, then upload them onto our application portal. Our Admissions team will use these documents to prepare your application for the Admissions Board.

STEP 4: Pay your application fee

Before the Admissions team are able to send your application pack to the programme's Admissions Board, they will need to confirm receipt of your application fee. This is an important step that lets us know that you are serious about your application. Please note, this is non-refundable regardless of the Admissions Board's decision on your application.

TOP TIP: Many of our applicants find it useful to create an application folder on their computer to keep all application documents safely filed in one place, and easily accessible for their submission.









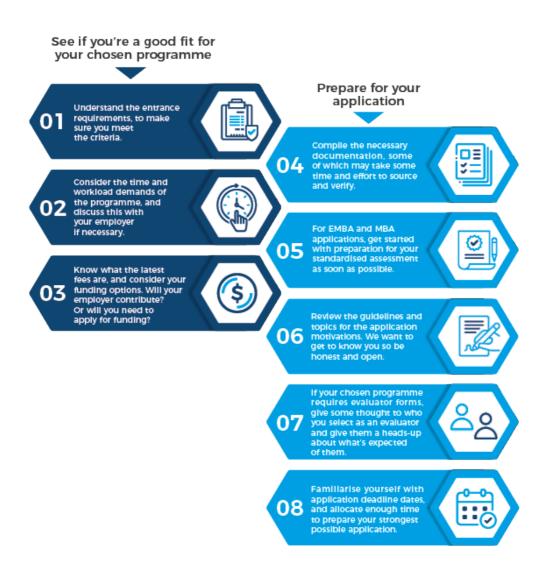


Starting your application

Once you have started your application, you will receive an email containing your unique **Pre-application Portal Link**.

You don't need to complete all steps in one sitting. All changes are saved automatically, so you can always go back to complete an incomplete step or skip ahead – return to your application portal at any time using **your unique link**.

TOP TIP: For privacy reasons, don't share your unique portal link with anyone else.











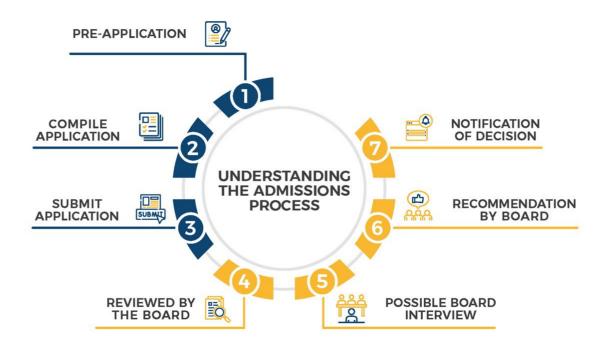


The admissions process

Once you have submitted a completed application, the Admissions Team will kick into gear and process the application.

TOP TIP: Make sure you've completed **all 4 steps** of your application to allow the Admissions Team to proceed with your application. The assigned Admissions officer will communicate with you directly should any documentation be outstanding.

Be patient – you will be notified of any outcomes in due course.













Entrance requirements

Attributes and qualifications needed for this degree

The PGDip in Management Practice is a modular programme designed to meet the growing demand for advanced business leadership. To be considered for the programme candidates need to meet the following criteria:

The PGDip in Management Practice is a rigorous programme designed to meet the growing demand for experts in the field.

Successful applicants need to:

- be 25 years or older
- have a minimum of 3 years' relevant work experience
- have a NQF level 7 qualification. Candidates with a non-South African qualification may need to verify the equivalence to a South African degree.
- have access to an organisation in which they can do their action research learning requirements.
- Students must be fluent in spoken and written English. The UCT GSB Admissions
 Board could require a TOEFL for applicants whose mother tongue is not English or
 who have not received a degree from an English university. For more information on
 UCT's English Language Requirements click here

If the applicant does not have an NQF level 7 degree a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) opportunity exists, and the applicant may apply through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) route and submit the Portfolio of Learning (POL) assessment form.

Prospective PGDip students who will be considered under the RPL policy should have:

- At least an NQF 4 qualification.
- At least 5 years of proven junior or middle-management experience.
- A documented **management track record** including a curriculum vitae, referee reports and personal motivations.
- Competencies at a graduate level demonstrated by a Portfolio of Learning (POL) that will be assessed by an RPL assessor.











Application Essays

Let us get to know you better

PGDip in Management Practice application essay guidelines

Essay questions

- 1. What is your motivation for applying for the programme which you have chosen at this stage of your career and how will this programme help you in achieving your vision and goals for your future?
- 2. The UCT GSB experience is a demanding one, how do you plan on managing the pressure and delivery of the programme; specifically with the support structures you put in place as well as ensuring that you have sufficient internet accessibility for online sessions.
- 3. Assessment on the PGDip is primarily done through Action Learning Assignments that requires students to integrate and apply their learning from each course directly in their organisation/workplace. What are the challenges that you foresee with the application of your learning in your workplace (to get stakeholder buy-in / access to information, etc.) and how do you plan to overcome these?

FORMAT YOUR MOTIVATIONS

- Complete each motivation on a separate page, upload onto the UCT GSB Pre-Application and UCT Online Application portals.
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Fees and Banking Details

Everything you need to know about the cost structure of the programme All details are correct at time of publication

In-person programme fees

	African Student	Non-African Student
Programme Fee	R114 220	R179 150
Application Fee	R1 000	\$100
Acceptance Fee	R15 000**	R15 000**

Live-online programme fees

Programme Fees	African Student	Non-African Student
Year 1	R99 930	R156 750
Year 2 (course 4)	R14 290*	R22 410*
Total	R114 220*	R179 160*
Application Fee	R1 000	\$100
Acceptance Fee	R15 000**	R15 000**

UCT GSB Bank Account Details

BENEFICIARY	UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN - GSB Account No. 9
BANK	Standard Bank SA Ltd.
BRANCH	Rondebosch, Western Cape
ACCOUNT	072953004
SWIFT CODE (FOR INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS)	SBZAZAJJ
GSB REFERENCE NUMBER FORMAT	GSB/Surname/FirstName-OR-UCT student number











KINDLY NOTE

*ANNUAL FEE INCREASE

The University increases fees annually. Applicants embarking on 2-year Programmes or Programmes that straddle two academic years, must factor in fee increases for their courses in the 2nd academic year of study.

FEES AND PAYMENT DATES

Please note that fees and the associated payment structures differ for South African students (incl. permanent SA residence holders), African students (incl. permanent African states residence holders) and non-African students. Payment for tuition is required before registration. Please consult the fees handbook at http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/fees/handbook, or the GSB website at www.gsb.uct.ac.za.

PRO-FORMA INVOICE

Should you require a pro-forma invoice from the UCT GSB in order to apply for employer funding (or any other reason), we have created an automatic invoice generator for your chosen programme here.

Non- South African Students

All students from outside South Africa (incl. students with permanent residency status in African countries) are required to make the full payment of tuition fees for the academic year prior to registration.

South African students

South African students (incl. students with SA permanent residence status) must make the initial payment <u>prior to registration</u>. The initial payment amount is typically set as 35% of the total fee debt for the year. In the event of late payment, this will be subject to a once-off late payment fee of 8% of the total annual fee. You will be allowed to register if the initial payment has not been received by the due date. Payment of the balance of fees for the year is due on 31 July. We send out detailed statements of account every month from March onwards. Note that interest is charged on outstanding balances after 31 July. Refer to the fee's handbook at http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/fees/handbook for details.

**ACCEPTANCE FEES

An acceptance fee is required for all GSB programmes. This must be paid upon acceptance of the offer and secures your place on the programme. An acceptance fee of ZAR 25,000 is applicable to all GSB students applying for Masters level programmes. Postgraduate Diploma level students must pay an acceptance fee of ZAR 15,000. This is credited against the initial payment due upon registration. Note that this acceptance fee is subject to cancellation charges, calculated on a sliding scale, should you subsequently withdraw your acceptance (Please refer to Fees Booklet).









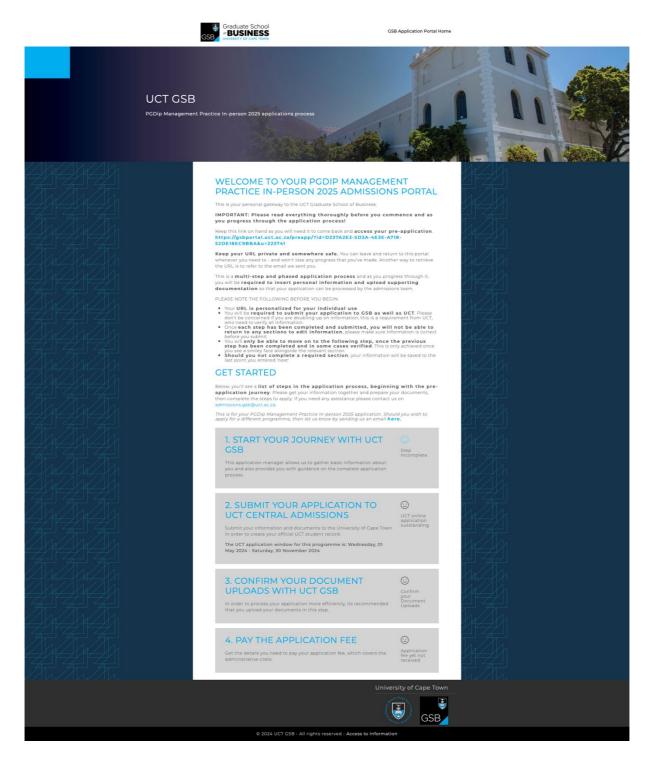


Our Application Process

STEP 1: UCT GSB Pre-Application

Here is what our Pre-Application system looks like.

Each step is automatically saved and you can return to complete any step later.







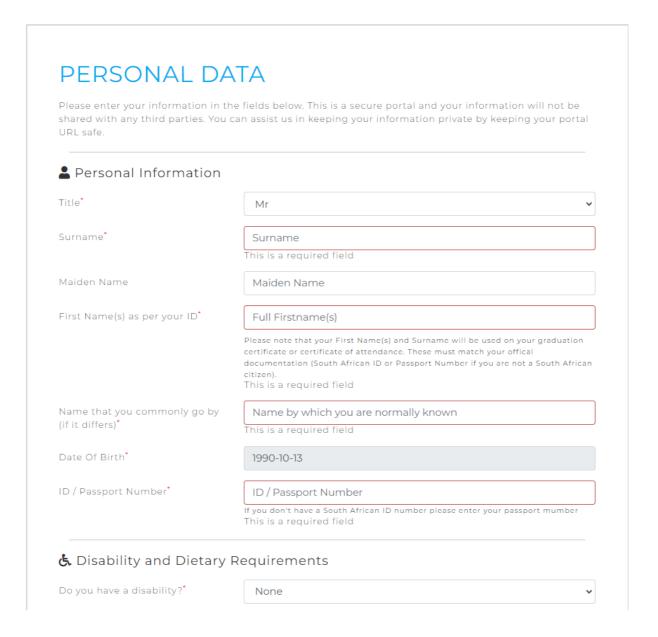






STEP 1.1: Personal details

Setting up your profile.





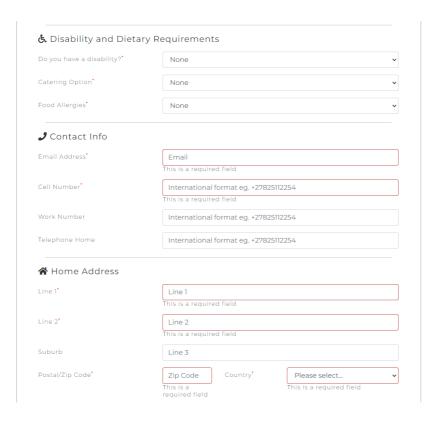


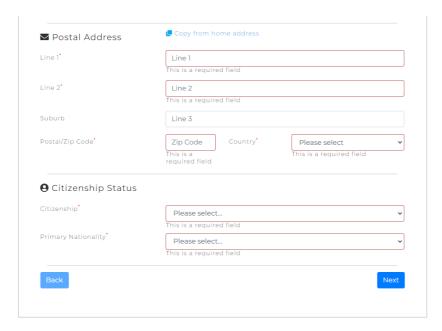






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STEP 1.2: Education Profile

An PGDip in Management Practice is a postgraduate degree – please provide the details of your previous qualifications

EDUCATION PROFILE Please ensure that all certified copies of your documents are uploaded later in your application. This should include, but is not limited to, a University Degree, Educational Certificates and Full Transcripts, or proof of qualifications from other establishments. You are also required to send certified hard-copies of the originals to us. Please tick to confirm you have read and understood the above statement, as it is crucial to the application process. 🗸 You can add multiple certifications by clicking on 'add to your educational history' for the first one and then the ADD button for additional qualifications. **1** Education History **Qualification Name** Major Institution Course Dates **Graduation Year Qualification Name** Major Institution Course Dates **Graduation Year** • Add to your education history. Back



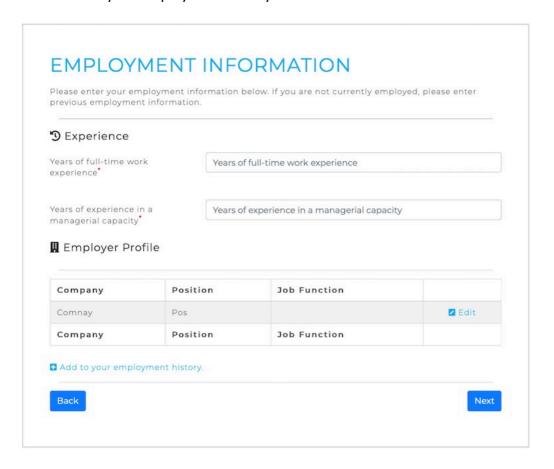






STEP 1.3: Employment information

Tell us about your employment history.







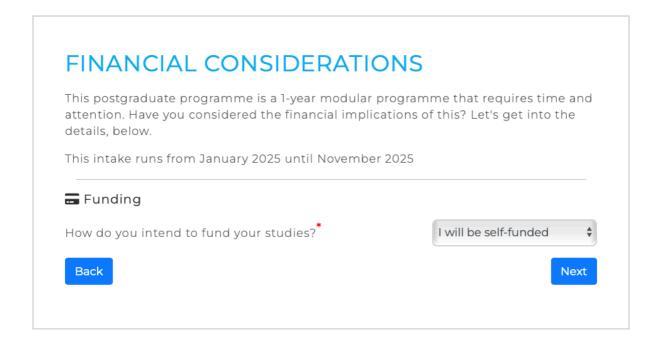






STEP 1.4: Fees

How are you planning on funding your studies?









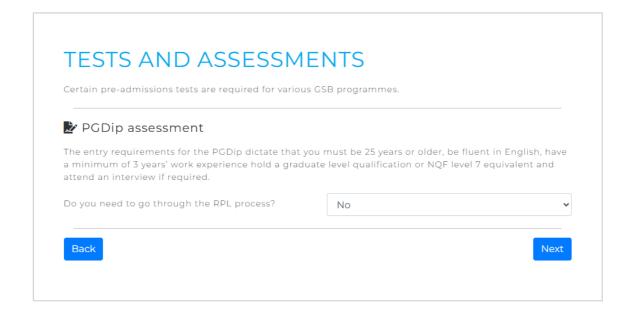




STEP 1.5: Tests & Assessments

While the PGDip in Management Practice does not require a Standardised Assessment, there are certain criteria that one must fulfil.

Alternatively you can apply for a Recognition of Prior Learning.







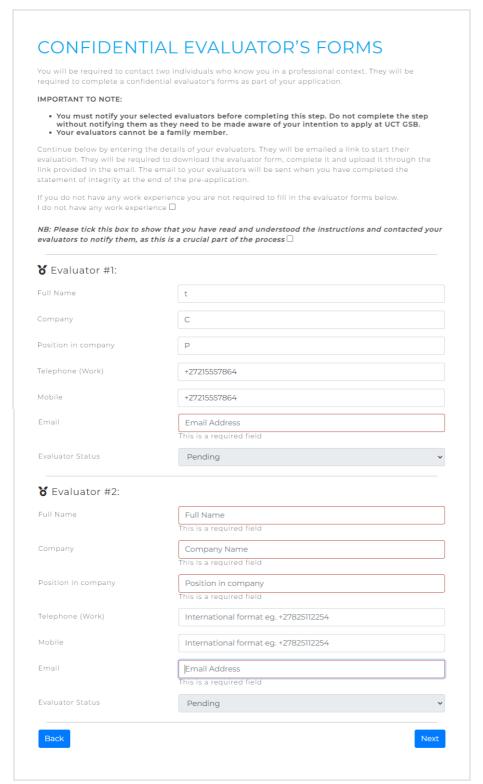






STEP 1.6: Evaluator Forms

We require professional references from two objective and reliable sources. Take care to select referees who know you in a professional context, and will be responsive to your request. It's a good idea to contact them ahead of time and let them know what will be required to avoid delaying your application.













STEP 1.7: Application essays

This is an important part of the application process – give yourself time, be authentic, and proofread before your submit.

MOTIVATIONS

Later in the application process, you will be required to submit motivational essays. Please see the subjects and guidelines below.

Please tick this box to show that you have read and understood the instructions for submitting your motivations, as this is a crucial part of the process. \Box

♠ Motivation Questions

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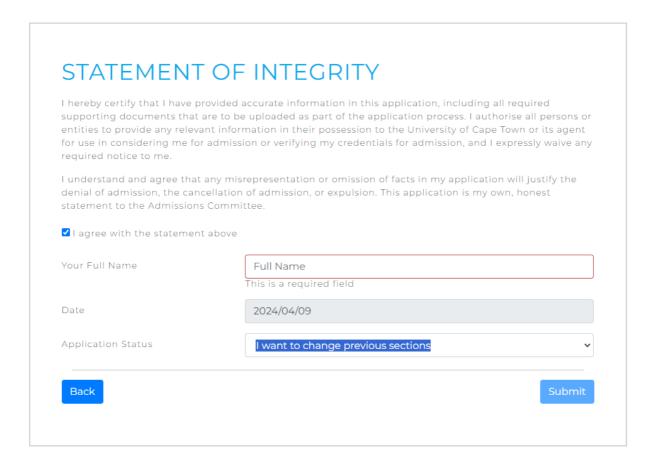






STEP 1.8: Digital signature

This confirms the authenticity of your submission, and allows you to choose whether you've completed this section or intend to return later and make changes.



Next steps

Once you've confirmed your submission, the Pre-Application process (Step 1) is complete.

You will also need to UCT Online Application (Step 2) described below.











STEP 2: UCT Online Application

You will also need to submit your information to UCT Central Admissions (PeopleSoft) to create your official UCT student record and student number.

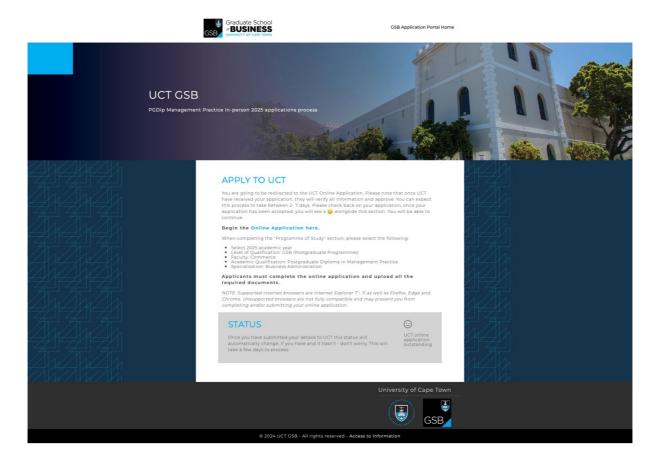
Please note that once UCT have received your application, they will verify all information and approve. You can **expect this process to take between 2- 7 days**.

Please check back on your application, once your application has been accepted, you will see a a longside this section.

You can also reach the **Online Application here.**

When completing the "Programme of Study" section, please select the following:

- Select 2026 academic year
- Level of Qualification: GSB (Postgraduate Programmes)
- Faculty: Commerce
- Academic Qualification: PGDip in Management Practice







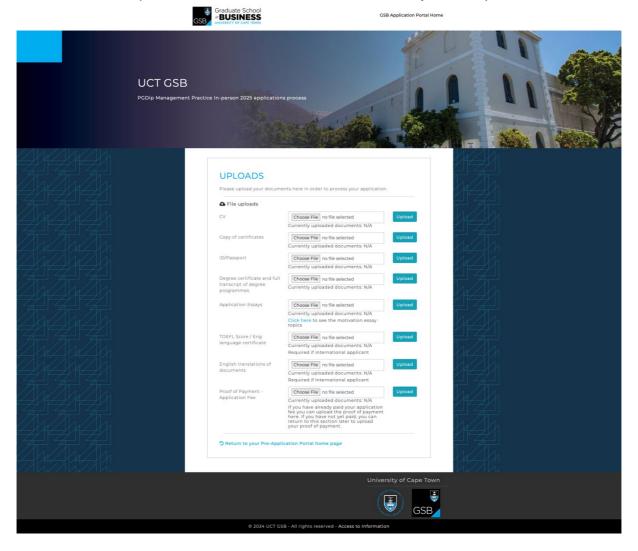






STEP 3: Document Uploads

By this stage in the application process these should be easy to access. Rest assured, we'll process all documents with the strictest confidentiality.







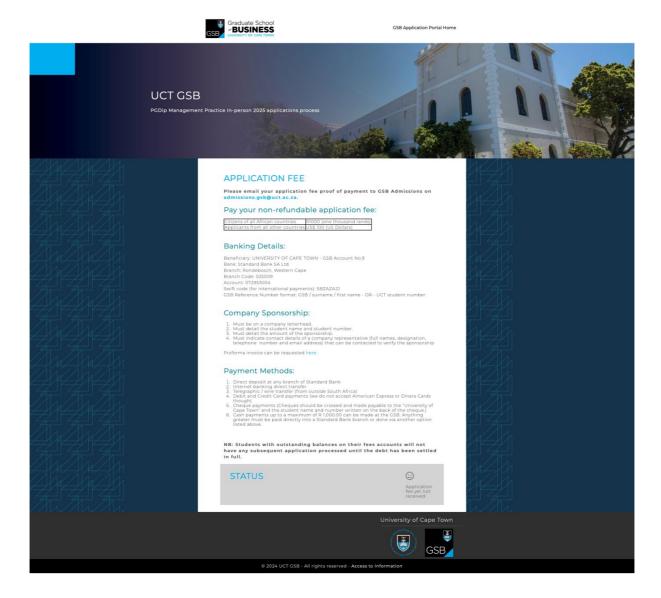






STEP 4: Application fee

This is a non-refundable application fee that covers the expense of processing your application.













PGDip in Management Practice Checklist

Use this checklist to track your progress.

Bear in mind that some elements listed below will take more time than others.

	1	NOTES
Prepare documentation		
CV		
Transcripts		
Degree Certificates		
ID/Passport		
Write Application Essays		
Application Essay 1		
Application Essay 2		
Application Essay 3		
Submit your Evaluator Forms		
Evaluator 1		
Evaluator 2		
Complete your UCT Online Application		
RPL if required		
Submit your application to UCT Central Admissions (PeopleSoft)		









Upload your documents	
CV	
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ID/Passport	
Motivation essays	
RPL	
*if required	
Company Sponsorship letter	
*if applicable	
Application fee paid	

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